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Dear Deborah,

I feel almost too
sad to convey to you the news
that Emily Rotch died this morning,
at seven o'clock, after a long
and suffering illness of some
6 to 8 weeks. - As near as I can
ascertain she died of dropsy
in the chest, or something of
that nature, superinduced
by confinement, through which
she got along very well. - She
little girls about two months
old & is very well. - There things
are the terrible ^{realities} ones of life - the
loss of property is as naught in
comparison - that may be replaced
even if it is not nature adapts
us to our situations & we are
content & happy - but the separa-
tion of all the endearing ties of

Wife & Mother, are truly the severest
sorrows - Even children are now
left without a kind and true
mother to comfort them in their
cares and troubles on this life's
journey - Poor Willy & all of them
as well as Mr Morgan's family
are indeed to be pitied -

Emily was always a favorite
of mine; I have known her from
childhood - being born a neighbor
here, there in East Thornton Park
for several years - She has suffered
much a great part of the time
nearly from oppression - I returned
home last night having spent
a few days at Melted & was
surprised to find she was
sounwell, for on Saturday & Sunday
they felt very much encouaged
but a great change took place
yesterday morning, & she

suffered much till she died.
I have not heard when the fun-
eral will take place.

I went to Boston Monday on
business expecting to return
that night, but Chas Parker & his
Easter both of whom are my class
mates & live in Weller insisted
in my going out there & went there
which I did & had an exceedingly
pleasant time - Old Mrs Chamberlain,
Maurice's Mother in law is very
sick & they think there is some
chance of her not recovering as
she has a very sore throat, surely
I think she is in her 84th year, though
she has had severe attacks before.
We are all well at home.
Louisa Dan's wife is much better.
She is able to ride out. At one
time she was in a very critical
situation. Her complaint is an

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enlargement of the heart -
I received your letter & states
your intention of going to Staten
Island & I do not know but
you may be there now -

Business continues to be
good - people must eat
and if we cannot get Southern
wheat, we have been able
to get some excellent Mexican
wheat which makes nearly
as good flour & comes lower
& is on the whole taking
into consideration the price
equally as satisfactory - Mr
Lindsey has sold out the "Mercury"
to Wm G Baker & Col Fessenden our
late collector - I hope they will
take strong ground against the
South - the Col has been a democrat
& pro Slavery - but he has wheeled right
about & is making speeches at Fog
Raisins, violently against the South - giving
Garrison & Ricketts